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The Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni  
Chief Clerk and Administrator  
Jocelyn Boyd, Esquire  
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The Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Docket 2005-348-E  
Application of Duke Power, a Division of Duke Energy Corporation ("Duke"),  
for Approval of the Transfer and Sale of Property in North Carolina.  
**Request for Waiver of Newspaper Notice**

Dear Mr. Terreni and Ms. Boyd:

This correspondence is relevant to the above referenced Docket. Duke, through counsel requests that no newspaper notice be required in this matter.

Duke's request is based on the facts that (i) based upon our experience, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina normally does not require newspaper notice in these types of matters; (ii) this is a commercial property, which was marketed and offered for sale to entities and individuals who would be interested in purchasing a commercial property valued at over 6.5 million dollars ; (iii) the property is under sales contract for \$6,550,000; (iv) the property is located in the state of North Carolina; and (v) an essential portion of the property was offered for sale in September of 1999 to the public, and no offers were received from the public.

Based on the foregoing, we request that further newspaper notice not be required in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Cc: Florence Belser, Esquire